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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Transactions on account of smallpox in northern Maine, Canadian border.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hammond at Van Buren reports, December 31, through Surgeon Kalloch, as follows:

Sanitary work done in the Madawaska region during the month of December, 1904.

Number of cases smallpox during month.....	2
Houses quarantined	2
Persons vaccinated	8
Houses fumigated	2
Cases investigated	18
Miles of territory covered.....	240

An epidemic of varicella prevails at present, and in many instances this has been mistaken for variola, and so reported. These suspicious cases I have been investigating.

Vaccination at New Orleans of emigrants for the Canal Zone.

Surgeon Smith reports, December 31, that during the month of December, 1904, vaccination certificates were issued to 3 emigrants destined for the Canal Zone.

Disinfection of vessel at Columbia River Quarantine, Astoria, Oreg. on account of tuberculosis.

Assistant Surgeon Earle reports the disinfection of the French bark *Ville de Müllhouse*, from Hamburg, on account of a death from tuberculosis which occurred on board en route a week before arrival. The room occupied by the patient was thoroughly fumigated with sulphur dioxide gas for twelve hours.

Yellow fever at Galveston on steamship Horatio from Para.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Breath telegraphs as follows:

GALVESTON, TEX., *January 3, 1905.*

Just learned steamship *Horatio*, which left Para December 14 via Barbados, arriving at Galveston December 30, two cases yellow fever

developed among crew 31st. Cases promptly transferred January 1 to John Sealy Hospital annex, isolated, screened, and kept under guard; 5 passengers landed and gone to Round Rock, Tex.

January 5 he reports as follows:

Both cases are unmistakably yellow fever, but are doing nicely. I would respectfully state that Doctor Tabor informed me that the 5 passengers from the steamer *Horatio*, who went to Roundrock, Tex., are closely watched, their temperatures being taken every day.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.

Report from San Antonio—Work of sanitary department during month of December, 1904.

Clerk of Sanitation Gallagher reports, December 31, as follows:

Month of December, 1904.

Premises inspected	6,994
Premises reinspected	3,324
Wells filled	9
Cisterns filled	5
Cesspools filled	13
Sewer connections	34
Houses fumigated	57
Rooms fumigated	127
Cellars fumigated	1
Wells fumigated	2
Cisterns fumigated	3
Total visits made by inspectors	10,318

INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports as follows:

	Week ended Dec. 31.
Persons inspected on trains	223
Persons held	0
Pullman cars fumigated	7

Bags of Pullman linen disinfected, 28; inspected on footbridge, 3,150.

Inspection at El Paso, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports as follows:

Week ended December 31, 1904: Inspection of Mexican Central passengers, 190; inspection of Mexican Central immigrants, 68; inspection of Arab, 1; inspection special Pullman excursion, 12; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 397 pieces; disinfection of clothing, blankets, etc., 37 pieces; vaccination of immigrant children, 7.

Inspection at Laredo, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton reports, January 1, as follows:

Week ended December 31, 1904: Number of passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 14; persons on passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 644; immigrants on passenger trains from Mexico inspected,